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poetrn.

The Union. BY H. W. LONGFELLOW. Thou too, sail on, O ship of Stafe!
Sail on, O Union strong and great!
Humanity with all its tears,
With all the hopes of future years,
Is hanging breathless on your into!
We know what muster laid the keel,
What workmen wrought thy ribs of steel, What workmen wroughs thy ribs of steel, Who made each mant, each sail, each rope, What envils rang, what hammers beat, In what a forge and what a heat, Were shaped the anchors of the hope! Feer not each andden sound and shock, 'Tis of the wave and not the rock; 'Tis but the flapping of the sail, And not a reat made by the gale! In apils of rock and tempest roar, in spits of false lights on the shore, Sail on, nor feer to breust the sea! Our hearts, cur hopes, are all with thee: Our hearts, cur hopes, are all with thec: Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears, Our faith triumphant o'er our fears, Are all with thee—are all with thee.

Miscellancons.

From the Wyandot Tribune.

The True Glory of America. What American is there who does not with pride contemplate the rising glory of his country—whose heart does not thrill with indiscribable pleasure when he looks upon this boundless and beautiful and, and is conscious that this is his native home! It is a noted fact that every one loves his native ative country, no matter what may be the condi-Crozban Lodge, No. 77, meets at the Odd tion of that country; whether oppressed and illiterate of free and enlightened, the same love fills the heart. The savage Arab loves his native desert, mitting California as a state; and then that monof civilization—the houst of other nations—but points to his battle fields and hunting grounds and

truly great, and have that desired inspiration, they must cross the rugged Alps, and breathe its inspiriog air—that they must wander through renowned Italy, and bask in its sunny clime, or visit the many wonders of Europe. The air of our own mountains is as invigorating as Alpine air, and our skies are not less sunny than those of Italy. If they wish beauty-if they wish grandeur and sublimity Mississippi, or in the illimitable prairies of the west, up a good deal of property. r, perchance, stand on the borders of the northern erse our western range of mountains; nay, let them stand before Ningara's thunder, and resist if they can that over powering sensation of awful sub-

Again, we see her glory exhibited in the equality of her society. The societies of other nations are but a continuous rank and file of titles, in which true meral worth holds no competition with monied aristocracy. Here it is not so. It makes but litle difference whether a young man is born of noted and wealthy, or obscure and poor parents; inleed, if there be any difference, that difference will and wrote it down in a book, and showed it to the which be may not attain. This fact is worthy of Well, after the old gentleman was dead and

succeed, may. Perseverance only, is the key to successs. TECUMSEH.

Upper Sandusky, O.

for every disease that afficis manking; which we offer the horses of the light artillery in the stable, and was the glory of a farm, and no farm could large letters. At that, John turned as red as fire, and was the glory of a farm, and no farm could large letters. At that, John turned as red as fire, and called his boys and went to work and run a berg from the rest and Paper Rags. Low Prices, and of harnessing up, moving his guns two hundred that besides scratching and hurting every high fence across the farm between him and of harnessing up, moving his guns two hundred that besides scratching and hurting every body great high fence across the farm between him and yards, forming in battery, and firing a round, in that comes near 'em, they would run the land all Jonathan, so high that they hadto get upon a ladthe first command was given.

From the National Intel'igencer. A Letter from Major Jack Downing. MASON AND DIXON'S SIDE OF SALT RIVER.) October 25, 1849.

My Dear Mr. Richie: To-morrow Uncle Joshua, our delegate to Congress from this territory, starts for Washington; and as I haint writ to you for some time, I thought I would send a few lines by him to let you know how matters are getting along here. We are talking sharp about forming for him to follow when he gets there.

After the meeting come to order, and Col. Jones vas appointed cheerman, Uncle Joshua got up and said the common practice of choosing a Repre-sentative or delegate first, and then tying his hands and said the common practice of choosing a Representative or delegate first, and then tying his hands afterwards with instructions, he didn't think was hardly a fair shake. He thought the instructions, ought to be agreed upon first: then if the representative had a mind to tie his own hands he couldn't blame nobody else for it. The meeting seemed to take the idea at once, and agreed to go right to work upon the instructions first.

The cheerman said, "It was evident from the the country of the couldn't blame held at was a country to the couldn't blame and the instructions first."

The cheerman said, "It was evident from the servage and I guess they've been more to blame wouldn't a heard of it, and then this fence was not come that they soon come that his boys were in a great danger of getting an awful likin, he called to Jonathan to send his boys to help lick the Silverbuckles.

"Well now, brother," said Jonathan, "I think my boys diggin in gold-apple field."

"Gold-apple field but have to fight over that fence. I dont see but you'll have to fight over that fence. I dont see but you'll have to fight over that fence. I dont see but you'll have to fight over that fence. I dont see but you'll have to fight over that fence. I dont see but you'll have to fight over that fence. I dont see but you'll have to fight over that fence. I dont see but you'll have to fight over that fence. I dont see but you'll have to fight over that fence. I dont see but you'll have to fight over that fence. I dont see but you'll have to fight over that fence. I dont see but you'll have to fight over that fence a love the best way you can. Remember, I always told you that you'd better weed out them to blows. John heard the rumpus, and seeing that his boys that his boys to be best way you can. Remember, I always told you that you'd better weed

newspapers, and the way things looked at Washington and all over the country, that this was agoing to be a hot Congress. There was trouble a brewin about the Wilmot Proviso, and about adsummits. The tawny Indian heeds not the march by no means dead yet. He seemed to be more alive than ever, and showed ten times as many heads now as he did in Old Hickory's time. He we cannot but feel a partiality for our own country. hand in it (Here the cheerman pointed to me quit and go home. We believe there is a superior glory possessed by her, of which no other land can boast. We may believe there is a superior glory possessed by her, of which no other land can boast. We may believe there is a superior glory possessed by her, of which no other land can boast. We may believe there is a superior glory possessed by her, of which no other land can boast. We may believe there is a superior glory possessed by her, of which no other land can boast. We may believe there is a superior glory possessed by her, of which no other land can boast. We may believe there is a superior glory possessed by her, of which no other land can boast. We may believe there is a superior glory possessed by her, of which no other land can boast. We may believe there is a superior glory possessed by her, of which no other land can boast. We may believe there is a superior glory possessed by her, of which no other land can boast. We may believe there is a superior glory possessed by her, of which no other land can boast. We may believe there is a superior glory possessed by her, of which no other land can boast. We may be determined the country and they wan 't agoing to have all this boys a lickin and rob the orehards. So down they went in whole flocks and swarms, and the Sushons, who lived over the 'tother side of the pond, to go together and give Jonathan's boys a lickin and rob the orehards. Well, the Sams said they was ready enough to do that, but they wan't agoing to have all this boys a lickin and rob the orehards. So down they went in whole flocks and swarms, and the first hat boys a lickin and rob the orehards. Well, the Sams said they was ready enough to go together and give Jonathan's boys a lickin and rob the orehards. Well, the Sams said they was ready enough to the pond, to go together and give Jonathan's boys a lickin and rob the orehards. So down they went in whole flocks and swarms, and the Sushons, who lived over the 'tother side of the pond, to go together and give Jonathan's boys a lickin and rob the first hat

needs only to gaze for a moment upon the unrival-ed scenery of America. What other nation can body else in the territory; and, besides, he's conboast of their boundless prairies, uninhabited save siderable speaker when you once get him started. must do. The Silverbuckles, with bunged eyes the Goldthreads, and the Boheas, and the Boh

pretty commonly tell pretty near how them same case, Mr. Cheerman, was this:

Old Mr. Sam West, a very clever respectable

lakes, and see their blue expanse dotted with noble half of the farm, and his other son, John, lived on for I've made up my mind that there shall never steamers, engaged in transporting goods and pro-

> and your children. The farm is under a good way now, and there's a plenty of land for you and your children, and your grand-children, and great-grandfamilies together on the farm, and live in peace, lowed to grow on gold-apple field." and help each other along. There's no knowing what sort of neighbors you may get around you; therefore cling together and take care of each other.

The sons promised that they would mind him,

His materials are of the best quality, his workmen are ex-perienced, and all work is waswarer.

Its intends to supply this market with beautiful and attention, that our most noted men have been born gone, the sons continued to thrive, and prosper, long as you live." that there is no affinity between true genius and to eat, drink, and wear, and a plenty of fat turkeys determined the whole world shall know there ain't and wealth. But I would not have you believe for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and every no thistles there, and shant never be any there Men's, Boys', and Children's Boots Shoes and Brogans, that we are wholly free from the curse of inequal. thing they wanted. The two brothers carried on and I'll write it in large letters on a board, and set ity. Though there is far less of it here than else- the farm, as brothers should do, and peace and it up on a post by the side of the road where evwhere, yet believe it, it is here, and of late years has had a rapid growth. It is unlike that of other one didn't raise, 'tother did, and between 'em they shant never be no thistles allowed to grow on goldountries, only that it is more imbecile, as wealth always had enough of every thing. There was apple field." and titles do not in fact support it. If there is any thing to be abhorred, it is this detestable codfish bout, and that was thistles. John's half of the aristocracy. But save an occasional example of farm was covered with thistles. And from some this, no society presents more advantages for the cause or other, John had a strange fancy for thist- brother, if it is the last words I have to speak, if success of true moral worth; and he who would les, and would never allow 'em to be dug up or you do that thing I'll split the farm right in tu, Upper Sandusky, O.

The lamented Col. Duncan, of the United

The lamented Col. Duncan, of the United Col. Duncan, States Army, had drilled his men to such perfect to talk to John and try to get him to do the same, ple field." tion and celerity of movement in artillery, that on He told him it was a disgrace to a farm to And while their blood was up. Jonathan went one occasion when his guas were under their sheds, to have thistles on it. But John declared they to work and put up his sign-board, all writ out in the horses of the light artillery in the stable, and was the glory of a farm, and no farm could large letters. the space of a minute and a half from the time out, so it would produce nothing: and if John kept der to look over it. And when it was done, John those who use the plow and spate in the pursuit of any portion of the senate. them thistles on his farm he would die a poor man went up on the ladder and looked over, and called agriculture.

at last. John said he wasn't afraid of that; his out as loud as he could call, at last. John said he wasn't afraid of that; his land was rich enough to produce all he wanted with the thistles on it; and he was sure they gave a character and dignity to his family, for they was a sign to every body that passed along the road that the family lived in a good rich farm, that supported 'em without their having to work for it, They went along in this way for some time, John's children all grew up to be very fond of thistles, and Jonathan's ali hated thistles; and if the cousins ever had any sparring or quarrelling it was most.

look, we couldn't seem to tell whether a state on Mason and Dixon's side of the river would be allowed to come in. So we called a meeting to choose a delegate, and to fix up the instructions the line. The Siverbukles said the Sams were death, thrashin of em with thistles, and scratchin getting on their land. [They called 'em all Sams because they were the descendants of old Uncle Sam.] So a whole gang of the Silverbukies went down and ordered the Sams off, and told 'em to than; "and besides, it's too much of a job to get

So Johnsthan called his boys out, and they went for a long time, and the Silverbuckles carried off with its scorching sand—the hardy Siberian loves ster Nullification, that every body thought generalise native hills, and glories in their snow-capped al Jackson had killed, years and years ago, wasn't drove 'em back and followed 'em half way over the Some time after this, while Jonathan's over to help John's; and all the Sams went at the as much pluner as they had a mind to, and made drove 'em back and followed 'em half way over the Silverbuckle farm, thrashing of 'em from house to house, and from field to field, wherever they met buckles, who had always been wrathy about that but giving to every land and nation all honor due.

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Friend there on the right can testify, for he had a owned themselves liked, and begged the Sams to south of 'em, and with the families of the Boheas

with the life-like marble, cut from hexhaustable quarries, or in undying songs. But it is left for America alone, to produce the inimitable landscape, tion before the meeting. The question is, What TTORNEY AT LAW and Prosecuting Atterney for Sandersk county. Other will missed country of the side of his nose, fatelity.

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TOPHICS AT LAW and Prosecuting Atterney for Sandersk country. Other will missed country of the side of his nose, instructions shall we give our delegate about the instructions shall we give our delegate by the timid deer and sturdy buffalo; of their impenetrable and boundless forests, within whose deep recesses the foot of man has never trod, and deep recesses the foot of man has never trod, and whose the wild bearts roundless forests, when you once get him started. They kept looking and nodding to him, an at last uncle Joshua got up.

"Mr. Cheerman," says uncle Joshua, says, he "if whose the wild bearts roundless for their impenetrable and boundless for the wild beart the wild beart the wild beart the world beart the wo

with each other by canals, railroads and telegraphs, obsarved in my life time, that when things worked ter over; what a fine addition it was to the old speak to Jonathan, and their noses almost hit each which traverse the most beautiful and best cultiva- jest so in one case, them same things would most larm, and what a pleasant garden it would make other. ted pertions of the country? It is an eroneous always work jest so in another case. Now, when opinion that our poets and sculptors—and indeed all our great men—have imbibed, that to become the country of the country? It is an eroneous always work jest so in another case. Now, when I was a boy, I knew a case a good deal like this all our great men—have imbibed, that to become of Jonathan's boys, who were always than? How do you all do to day. I should like this or great men—have imbibed, that to become ed out in that case, may be you could judge better they brought bags full of rich gold-colored apples. the deed." how things will work in this here case, and then And when some of John's boys begun to stir round, apple field, Jonathan spoke to John and said,

"Now, brother, I'm entirely willing your boys old gentleman - every body used to call him uncle should go over on to the apple field and dig as Sam; he was a very stirin, thrivin man, and a much as they are amind to, and build, and plant, good farmer—he owned a large farm and picked and sow, and reap; but before they go there is one thing that we must have a fair undestanding about, His oldest son, Jonathan, lived on the northern and that is, they can't never have no thistles there,

shall leave the farm and all the property to you Jonathan's boys had; and if his boys chose to have lowering his voice, "seeing how things did work in expense of the state. They are perfectly willing thistles there, they had a right to have thistles there, and they should have thistles there. Jonathan declared again that he had made up children; and I charge you to always keep the his mind "that there shant never be no thistles al-

While they was disputing about it, one of Jonathan's boys, that had been over on to the field a good deal and knew all about it, come along, and hearing the dispute, he said,

"Father there needn't be no more trouble about be in favor of the poor young man, If he be en- old gentleman, who said he was satisfied and could that, for thistles can't never grow there; it ain't the right kind of land for thistles, and you couldn't never make a thistle grow there if you should try as

"So much the better," said Jonathan, "and I'm

You will, will you?,' says John. "Yes, I will!" says Jonathan.

"Well then," says John, "I'll tell you what tis,

along here. We are talking sharp about forming ins ever had any sparring or quarrelling it was most. And some other things that he didn't raise and Blake 14, Byers 14. right off, and sending senators and representatives to this Congress. But the majority was in favor.

At last a squabble broke out between some of And jest so with John on 'tother side of the fence. to this Congress. But the majority was in favor of only sending a delegate now, and waiting to see what Congress will do with the other territories that are sprouting up round; for, as things now that are sprouting up round; for, as things now where they jined hadn't been cleared up, and the land of the fence. Things went on in this way a few years, and they didn't know much about how each other got along. At last one day Jonathan heard John up top of the where they jined hadn't been cleared up, and the lander, calling out most hitterly.

and the Sushons, who lived over the tother side

most prominent characteristics of the true glory of the first. It is seen in her magnifectal scenarios may be ast of their sacred planters at the beart of the actions of their greatest men—next tray be enshrined as such within the heart of every Christian and Philanthropist, which their painters and sculptors and poets have immortalized, either upon the unfading canvass, or with the life-like marble, cut from inexhaustable at Rona Vista, I'll nay the toddy."

ountry may well tremble and ask what is to be done with him now that he has growed up so large and took its name from an orehard on it that bore very rich gold-colooked through a crack, and called out to though a crack, and called out to the high fence, and looked through a crack, and called out to the senate being one and the subject to the senate the outer, and the subject to the senate the outer, and the subject to the senate that the subject to the senate the subject to the senate the subject

another lickin all round, for one or tother you orchards all robbed, and the Silverbuckles and

where the wild beasts roam in safety, unmolested; you kn w jest how things work in one case, you can and, at the same time produce so many populous pretty commonly tell pretty near how them same. The Sams went home in high glee about their and speak to John. And, as he put his face to the nd thriving cities, which are liaked and interlinked things will work in another case; for I've always gold-apple field, and sot down and talked the mat-

> ere case you've been speakin about. And if I wide awake, started right off over to the field, and to shake hands with you, but I can't get my hand should tell you and this meeting how things work. went to diggin on it. And when they come home through this crack, so you must take the will for

you can instruct your delegate accordingly. The and talk about going over to dig and build on the "that this fence should stop our shakin hands.-Don't you think, brother John, it would be as well if it was out of the way, and we should agree to live together again and help each other along as those who reside at a distance from the capital we used to."

That's jest what I've been thinkin of," said "I guess we should both fare the better for it," said Jonathan.

"I recken we should," said John.

one case, and judging from that how they would be delegate to Congress shall be instructed-

sign-board. But, if it is put up, Secondly, to vote against John's puttin up the fence. But, if the fence is put up.

quick as possible, without waiting for both sides to let them return home. It seems to me that if the get a likin first."

hand down on the bench so hard that it made the house ring again, and says he, "I second that notion, Mr. Cheerman; and I move

to Congress." No sooner said than done; the instructions and the delegate was all carried to once by an unami-

mous vote. So I remain, your old friend, MAJORJACK DOWNING.

A STEAM MAN .- A mechanic in Russia is said to have succedded in making a steam man. It is probably one of the most interesting inventions, ever offered to the public. It is a colossal statue, the feet of which are placed upon wheels upon a rooted out of his half of the farm. But Jonathan and build a high fence between us, and I'll never railroad, and as he goes thundering over the taken, and resulted Blake 16, Swift 11, Byers 2, hated the idea of a thistle he couldn't bear 'em have anything more to do with you the longest course, the steam comes pulling out of his nastris and Blocksom 1. in a manner to give the appearance of Satan as pictured in Revelations.

> "Titus," of the Boston Journal, perpetrates the following: Why is a beautiful lady's foot like a rounnel

tale of olden times?

From Columbus.

IN SENATE.

Columbus, Dec. 27-3 o'clock P. M. Mr. Payne being unwell and unable to be in his scat, Mr. Randall agreed not to vote till became m.
Mr. Olds appeared in his seat, but did not vote
until after the 286th balloting, when Mr. Graham

The 281st to the 287th ballotings resulted, Byers 13, Blake 13. 287th to the 299th balloting Blake receiving 14,

Byers 14, 200th ballot Blake received 15 and Byers 14. Chair. The result of the 300th balloting, Mr. Blake has received 15, and Mr. Byers 14 votes.

Several senators. Better do something with that Mr. Dubbs. Oh! yes-I vove the vote be re-

Mr. Dubbs. I move that the Senate adjourn.

The 300th balloting was retaken, and resulted Mr. Dubbs moved that the senate adjourn.

The ayes and noes being called for, Mr. Dubbs withdrew the motion. Mr. Swift. I renew it.

Mr. Whitman. The motion is renewed on this It was carried-ayes 15, noes 13.

And the senate adjourned,

IN SENATE-Friday, Dec. 28. Mr. Cunningham moved that the resolution offered by the senator from Jefferson, on the subject of pairing off, be taken up.

Not agreed, not agreed-from senator Whitman and others, Mr. Dennison opposed the motion. He did not wish to seem to censure the senators now absent.

Mr. Whitman hoped the highly honorable practice of pairing off would be continued throughout the session. He said it would be remembered that

a majority of Whigs were present on the floor of the house, when the final vote was taken on the right of Pugh and Pierce to seats, and yet they took no advantage of it.

Mr. Johnson was in favor of a dring off. He alluded to the arrangement which had been made between senator Beaver and himself,

Mr. Cunningham. My object in calling up the resolution is, to put a stop to a practice, which I consider pernicious to the public interests.

Mr. Whitman would ask the senator from the north-west, how he would like his large constituen-

cy in the north-west to be represented in the chamber in case of his sickness. Mr. Cunningham. The Lord will take care of

while there was danger of the senate being with-out a quorum. He wished senators to understand

Mr. Whitman called for the ayes and noes, on the notion to take the resolution from the table. The chair stated that the question was on taking

up the resolution of Mr. Lewis, with Mr. Swift's endment. Mr. Dennison again hoped the motion would not e pressed.

Mr. Conklin, although decidedly in favor of the orinciple of the resolution, would prefer waiting un-

Mr. Eckley would like to ask the senator from Shelby, when the time would be? Mr. Dennison. The senators will return in a few

days. Mr. Conklin. The senator from Franklin has answered the question for me. Mr. Eckley. Then there will be a fresh crop

pairing off. Mr. Conklin. They would do so with notice. Mr. Lewis had no intention whatever to throw any discredit upon those who had paired off. The resolution expressly guards against it. He thought it was entirely out of place to allow gentlemen to go home and attend to their own affairs, as some

were now doing. Mr. Randall was in favor of the passage of this or some similar resolution, although he had some "Well, it seems to be a pity," said Jonathan, doubts of its propriety at present. He did not hesitate to say that this system of pairing off had cost the state since he came into it, at least 10 to \$25 .-000 every year. Who is it to accommodate? Not They cannot go to their families. We who live at the extremities of the state, come here to remain until the public business is finished, and then, and not till then, to return to our homes. We are ready to adjourn when through business. But, sir, steamers, engaged in transporting goods and produce, or bearing the hardy emigrants to their new western homes. If they wish grandur and sublimity, let them behold the "Father of Waters," coursdied, he spoke to his two sons, and said:

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Well, the upshot of the matter thas did work in would stand that, for gold-apple field belonged to him as much as it did to Jonathan; and his boys had as cood a right to did there as the course of the state. They are perfectly willing one case and judging from that how they would be pretty likely to work in another case I move our when in this chamber and in the house below, had Firstly, to vote against Jonathan's puttin up the gentleman always came back full of business, and

ready to occupy day after day.
This system I abominate. Let senators remain Thirdly, to vote for pulling it down again as here until the business of the state is finished, then Here Bill Johnson jumped up, and slapped his people of the state understood their rights, they

would not permit this business to go on.

Mr. Cunningham had been asked to withdraw the resolution. He must confess he was getting fired that uncle Joshua Downing shall be our delegate to Congress."

That was a fact. His constituents had sent him up here to do the public business, and however glad they night be to see him, however advantageous it might be to his pri-vate interests, be felt bound to remain until the close of the session. He held that no man had a right to accept the trust of representative of the people, whose business would not permit him to remain during the session.

Mr. C. withdrew the motion for the present. ELECTION OF SPEAKER The chairman said the business before the senate

was the election of speaker. The three hundredth and first balloting was then

Mr. Blake having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected speaker of the sen-

Before leaving the chair, senator Myers said :--Will the senators permit me to say a word be-fore leaving the chair which I have occupied dur-Why is a beautiful lady's foot like a romante tale of olden times?

Because it is an interesting leg-end.

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The surest and most effectual gold diggers are And, Mr. Speaker, I can say with truth, that I